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## American Hometown buys Tennessee papers

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**American Hometown Publishing** has acquired **Albrecht Newspapers Inc.**, which runs three newspapers in West Tennessee.

The purchase includes the Brownsville States-Graphic, The Covington Leader and the Chester County Independent, which have a combined circulation of 14,900.

The deal gives Nashville-based American Hometown, which acquires and manages community newspapers with a circulation of 25,000 or less, a network of eight newspapers in Tennessee, Virginia and Oklahoma.

Management of family-owned Albrecht will keep their publisher roles at all three papers.

American Hometown was launched in 2003 by L. Daniel Hammond, creator of Publishing Group of America and American Profile magazine.